Shortage of doctors and medical staff

2032. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint study has been conducted by FICCI-Ernest and Young on Indian Healthcare Scenario and predicted a short-fall of 45,000 doctors and 3,50,000 paramedics by 2012;

(b) if so, whether this would have an adverse impact on the health-care system in the country especially in rural areas; and

(c) what steps are being taken to expand the facilities for medical education and health related services?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) The Joint Study conducted by FICCI-Ernest and Yung on Indian Healthcare Scenario has predicted a short-fall of 4,53,785 doctors and 12,90,174 nurses in India by 2012. In order to expand the facilities of Medical Education and health related services, under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) the Government has decided to set up six AIIMS like institutions in under-served-States and also to upgrade 13 existing Government Medical College/Institutions in ten States. Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), all PHCs are strengthened by upgrading single doctor PHC to 2 doctors PHC by posing of AYUSH practitioner and skilled nurses at PHC level. The States are encouraged to appoint doctors, specialists and paramedics on contractual basis. Multi-skill training of doctors and in-service training of ANMs/Nurses is being done. The States have been requested to strengthen their nursing cadre. Requirement of funds for establishment/strengthening of nursing and ANM schools, as incorporated in the PIP of some States under NRHM (2006-07) has been approved.

Rocky Mountain disease

2033. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases of the disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever reported in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such patients; and

(c) whether Government have taken any measures to check spreading of the said disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) No confirmed case of Rocky Mountain spotted fever has been reported in the country.

(c) Does not arise.

Clinical trials of medicines

†2034. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Multinational pharma companies carry out clinical trials of their medicines on the patients of our country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many a times it also adversely affect the patients;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are planning to impose ban on multinational pharma companies to carry out such hazardous trials;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) Yes Sir. As per Drugs and Cosmetic Rules Clinical Trials are required to be carried out in the country before applying the marketing permission both by the Indian companies and the MNC pharma companies. Clinical Trial is a key factor to discovery and development of latest modern drugs. MNC pharma companies also carry out global clinical trials in which many countries participate and permission to carry out such trials is given as per Drugs and Cosmetic Rules. Schedule 'Y' of Drugs and Cosmetic Rules, 1945 related to clinical trials have been upgraded and Good Clinical Practice introduced to bring in the contemporary global standards.

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